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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Raymond J. Beffa

**Serial No.:** Not yet assigned

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**For:** METHOD IN AN INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT (IC) MANUFACTURING  
PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING AND  
REDIRECTING IC'S MIS-PROCESSED  
DURING THEIR MANUFACTURE

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Sir:

The present application is a continuation of application Serial No. 10/067,728, filed February 4, 2002, pending, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/793,938, filed February 27, 2001, now U.S. Patent 6,363,329 B2, issued March 26, 2002, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/537,839, filed March 29, 2000, now U.S. Patent 6,208,947 B1, issued March 27, 2001, which is a continuation of application Serial

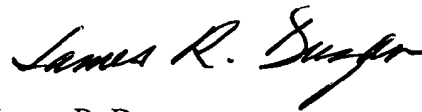
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No. 09/302,338, filed April 29, 1999, now U.S. Patent 6,067,507, issued May 23, 2000, which is a continuation of application Serial No. 08/806,442, filed February 26, 1997, now U.S. Patent 5,915,231, issued June 22, 1999, which is related to: co-pending Serial No. 08/591,238, filed January 17, 1996, now abandoned; Serial No. 08/664,109, filed June 13, 1996, now U.S. Patent 5,895,962, issued April 20, 1999; and Serial No. 08/785,353, filed January 17, 1997 now U.S. Patent 5,927,512, issued July 27, 1999.

Pursuant to M.P.E.P. 2001.06(b), the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the information of record in the prior applications, and to confirm in the first Office Action on the merits that such art has in fact been reviewed. A PTO-1449 form listing all of the information of record in the prior applications is enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is filed within three (3) months of the filing date of the above-identified application, and no certification pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c) or a fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) is required.

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